(b) if so, what steps are being taken to bring about some uniformity in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) Land is a State subject. The responsibility for formulating land reforms laws and their enforcement therefore rests with the State Govts./UTs. The Central Govt. formulates national guidelines on land reforms measures in consultation with States within the framework of national policies from time to time. Some variations in land reforms laws of different State Govts. are not unlikely. The quality and effectiveness of implementation of land reforms measures may also vary from State to State due to several factors. Uniformity in the matter is neither possible nor within the competence of Union Govt. to achieve.

The Central Govt. however periodically reviews the progress of implementation of land reforms measures and recommends various steps for their effective implementation. The last such national review was held in Nov. 1986 in the Revenue Ministers Conference The consensus arrived at in the Conference has been circulated to the State Govts. The progress of Land Reforms measures falling within the 20 point programme is separately monitored and States are advised steps necessary for improving their performance.

Strategy to ahcieve rabi crop target

784. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) by what percentage according to the assessment if any, is the anticipated shortfall in the Kharif crop (State-wise) as against the target during the current year due to failure of monsoon, drought and floods in various parts of the country and how it is likely to affects the overall foodgrains target; and

(b) what strategy has been formulated by Government to remove the uncertainties, keeping in view the current situation, and to achieve the Rabi crop target during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Due to widespread drought conditions prevailing in many States and floods in some States in the Eastern region during the Kharif season, production of various crops in 1987-88 is likely to be affected. Firm estimates of Kharif production for 1987-88 are not yet due from the States. It is, therefore, too early to quantify the anticipated production of Kharif crops for the year 1987-88.

(b) In order to make up the shortfall sustained during the Kharif season, a vigorous Rabi Production strategy is being implemented. The targets of production of various crops have been enhanced and appropriate arrangements for input supply like seeds and frtilisers are being tied up with the States.

Shelter for economically weaker section

785. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set any specific targets regarding the provision of shelters with basic minimum facilities for the economically weaker sections of the society;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the total number of families likely to be provided with shelters during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Seventh Plan document does not specify any specific target regarding the scheme for the Housing for the Economically Weaker Sections of the society in the urban areas. However, the targets are fixed by the Union Government on the year to year basis in consultation with the State Governments|Union Territory Admns.

(c) A target of 1.08 lakh unit has been fixed for the scheme of the Housing for the Economically Weaker Sections during the year 1987-88

Contamination of vegetables etc. with Hydrocarbon insecticides

786. SHRI PAWAN KUMAN BANSAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that researches conducted by the Punjab Agricultural University and elsewhere have shown that vegetables, milk, butter and baby food sold in the market are contaminated with hydrocarbon insecticides; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what remedial measures are contemplated by Government to combat this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha later on.

Housing for retired Government employees

787. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken measures to formulate a scheme for providing housing facilities to retired Government employees who do not have any house of their own; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Housing is a State subject and all social housing schemes are implemented by the State Governments and Union Territories as per their plan prioirties and local requirements.

However, reservation in various housing schemes, for various categories including retired Government employees are also made by the State Governments. As per reports received from various State Governments|UT Administrations so, far only Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Goa, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Chandigarh, Pondicherry have made some provision for reservation of houses|sites to the retired public servants.

Quiz competition on environment

788. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with the Doordarshan to organise and televise any quiz competition on environment; and

(b) what are the details of the programmes televised during the last six months on environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Doordarshan envisages to produce a quiz programme series on environmental issues and problems.

(b) A statement howing the details of the programmes telecast on environment by various Doordarshan Kendras during the last six months is enclosed [*See* Appendix CXLIV. Annexure No. 31]

Shortfall of production in Malanjkhand Copper Project

789. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state: